



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
Application of: **Howard Tanner, et al.**

Serial No.: **09/108,189(CPA)**

Examiner: **J. Thissel**

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Group: **3763**

For: **AN INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sirs:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, having a response due by November 12, 2003. This response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the final office action. Please consider the following remarks and amendments for the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.

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J. Thissel
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